

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. James Church Blackwell of Centerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Dr. James Church Blackwell; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blackwell was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James Church Blackwell served with acumen and alacrity as a dentist , in which position he earned the respect of his patients and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blackwell was an active and devout member of the Centerville Church of Christ, which he served faithfully for many years as an elder; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James Church Blackwell was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blackwell was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Akins Blackwell, and his parents, Church and Annie Lee Betty Blackwell; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud father of Tim Blackwell, Linda Coffey, Yvonne Craig, and Kitty Halfacre; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blackwell is further survived by his brother, Carlton Blackwell; sister, Lula Mae Prince; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blackwell leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. James Church Blackwell, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Blackwell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.